9 B

## PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:

Dan Meisburger, Alan D. Brodie, Zhong-Wei Chen, Jack Y. Jau,

Paul Sandland, Richard Simmons, Dave E. A. Smith, Hans Dohse, Dennis G. Emge, John Greene, Lee Veneklasen Ming-Yie Ling, Surendra G. Lele, Tom Cass, Doug Hendricks, John

Gibilisco

SERIAL NO.:

09/502,120

FILING DATE:

February 10, 2000

TITLE:

Inspecting Optical Masks With Electron Beam Microscopy

EXAMINER:

Not Yet Known

RECEIVED

**GROUP ART UNIT:** 

2878

NOV 2 8 2009

ATTY, DKT, NO.:

4764

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date printed below:

Dated:

11/16/00

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{V}}$ 

Trinidad Arriola Kern, Reg. No.: 44,012

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to Examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the specification as follows:

After the section title "CROSS REFERENCE", but before the section title "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph: